

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12, 1997

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, November 12. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in conjunction with the previous consent, Wednesday the Senate will be in a period of morning business from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate may consider and complete final action on the following items, all in an effort to adjourn the first session of the 105th Congress. Those items include: Additional motions if necessary with respect to the omnibus appropriations bill; the adoption-foster care legislation; and any legislative or Executive Calendar items cleared for action.

As previously announced, no rollcall votes will occur during Wednesday's session of the Senate, with sufficient notice being given to Senators if votes are necessary on Thursday, November 13.

So we could have a vote on an omnibus appropriations bill or it could be that we would have to have votes on the separate appropriations bills, and that could be as many as three. It will just depend on how negotiations go between House and Senate conferees and the leadership over the next couple days. Senators will be notified as soon as a decision is made concerning possible votes on Thursday.

The Senate will not be in session on Tuesday of this week in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.

#### ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open until 3 p.m. for the introduction of legislation and submission of statements today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator KENNEDY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

#### RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF SENATOR KENNEDY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I know others perhaps have already spoken about this, but I want to recognize the service of the Senator from Massachusetts. I understand he is the longest serving Senator in the history of the State of Massachusetts and that, as a matter of fact, this week was an anniversary.

How many years has the Senator served?

Mr. KENNEDY. It seems like only yesterday, but my Republican friends think 35 years is a long time to serve in the U.S. Senate.

Mr. LOTT. I thought we spent that much time on the Food and Drug Administration reform.

Mr. President, I do want to congratulate the Senator from Massachusetts. While we exchange views and quite often disagree, he certainly is a hard-working legislator that does good work for the positions he advocates and for his State. I congratulate him on his anniversary and for his service to the State of Massachusetts and to our country.

Mr. KENNEDY. I thank the majority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. COLLINS). The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Thank you, Madam President.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL SPRING OF BOSTON

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, as we conclude this session of Congress, I would like to take a moment to recognize a valued adviser, an extraordinary public servant, and an able advocate for high quality education and job training for all our citizens, Bill Spring of Boston.

Tragically, Bill was severely injured in an accident 2 weeks ago as he was walking home from work and he remains unconscious today. We are all very optimistic that Bill will regain good health. Our hearts go out to his wife Micho and his children. I want them to know how proud we are to have Bill as a friend and colleague. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

Many of us in the Senate know Bill and worked with him during his years as a staff member of the Senate Labor Committee or as a senior adviser to President Carter. He has also served as a professor at Harvard and at Boston University, as a vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, as a member of the Boston School Committee, and in many other valuable positions. In each capacity, Bill has always brought a brilliant intellect, an unyielding commitment to the principles of fairness and opportunity, an extraordinary creativity, and an un-

failing ability to find a way forward, even in the most difficult times.

His leadership on education and job training has been outstanding. His understanding of the basic issues and his tireless pursuit of better policies and programs to improve the quality and quantity of opportunities for all Americans have made an immense contribution to public policy and to the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and their families.

In the policy arena, Bill Spring has been a leader in every significant debate and legislative achievement by Congress on employment and job training for over three decades. His judgment, his evaluation of alternatives, and his understanding of the needs of the people who need our help the most have been indispensable to the bipartisan progress we have made.

He has devoted special attention and energy to the serious problems of poor and minority youth. From the unprecedented youth employment and training program of the Carter administration to the current Out-of-School Youth Initiative in the pending work force development legislation, unanimously reported to the Senate last month, Bill Spring's guidance and direction have been superb.

In Boston and Massachusetts, Bill has had a key role in all the progress we have made in meeting the employment and training needs of workers and the needs of students for quality education and effective links between their learning and the work force.

The nationally renowned Boston Compact could not have been achieved without Bill Spring's design, support, and direction. The compact has become the most successful effort in the country to keep young men and women in school and assist their transition from school to their future careers. Thousands of youths in Boston now have different and better lives because of Bill's creativity and energy.

The new and successful relationship between the Boston Police Department, juvenile justice system, and the Boston school system is another of Bill Spring's major achievements. The success that Boston has achieved in reducing juvenile crime, including the elimination of juvenile murder for over 2 years, is an extraordinary tribute to his insight and leadership.

We wish him a speedy and full recovery, and a quick return to his leadership on all these vital issues.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 12 noon, Wednesday, November 12, 1997.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:12 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at 12 noon.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 10, 1997: